

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-10 were pending. Claims 4-6 have been canceled without prejudice to refiling of the original scope. Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in form for allowance, as the rejections of Claims 4-6 are made moot by the cancellation of the claims.

The Office Action states that the first line of the specification should be amended to reflect the relationship between the instant application and the priority application. In deference to the Examiner, Applicants have made such an amendment. However, it is submitted that such an amendment is not required. The language of 37 C.F.R. 1.76(5) unambiguously states that such language is unnecessary, in that **"providing this information in the application data sheet constitutes the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 119(e) or 120, and § 1.78(a)(2) or § 1.78(a)(4), and need not otherwise be made part of the specification."**

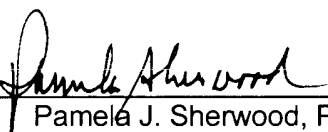
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a Telephone Conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number STAN-177.

Respectfully submitted,

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